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CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY
September 22, 4:00 PM
at Melton Lake Pavilion

HOT DOG & HAMBURGERS PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE



FOOD GAMES FELLOWSHIP

Join us Sunday, September 22, at Melton Hill Marina Pavilion for our annual church-wide picnic. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. and eat between 5:00 and 5:30. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and trimmings. Drinks and paper products will also be provided.

Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs and board games if desired. Some outdoor games will be available.



3rd Annual Jim McCall Pickleball Benefit Event

(held at Jackson Square Tennis Courts)

The 3rd Annual Jim McCall Pickleball Benefit Event will be held Sunday, September 29, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Jackson Square tennis courts. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Donations accepted for the Agape Help Center at First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge in Jim's honor. For more information on this event, contact Jodie Johnson.

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REFLECTIONS

"Calling them like I see them"

Another birthday is coming for me, which at this point in my life isn't all that big of a deal anymore. When you've had 40 or so of them, the novelty may not have worn off, but it certainly has seen some wear and tear. I enjoy what the day brings and certainly the love shared by family and friends, but I don't spend a lot of time ruminating on my age and what that ought to mean or whatever.

No, more often I find that I'm noticing and thinking about the passage of time on my children's birthdays. *They're HOW old? We're THAT close to driving? How much longer will I have them?* It's in these moments that my own age settles in. If my *children* are that age, what does that make me?

I got a call from my dad today; nothing too remarkable about that. We catch up not too infrequently. We shot the breeze, talked about his high school class reunion (I won't tell you the number, but it was *a lot*), and my upcoming birthday. He sighed, said the age I'm turning this year, and then he said, "That makes me feel *so old*." I guess it's not just me realizing my age through my children.

First Christian Church is going to be celebrating 75 years as a church together next month! I'm delighted for them and I hope their celebration will be as sweet and joyous as ours was a few years ago. 75 years in this community is a wonderful testament to life and God's ministry.

Of course, God's ministry reaches back farther than 75 years. God's ministry dates back even farther than the Church. God's ministry was alive and active for hundreds of years before the Temple in Jerusalem was constructed and it predates the formation of the nation of Israel. God's been working and ministering since the beginning if we take the stories seriously (and I hope we do).

We may feel old. I know my body likes to tell me that with more and more frequency. (Yes! I know that I need to wait until I reach 55 or 65 or 105 or whatever. Give me a break! I still wake up hurting some days because apparently I can sleep incorrectly now. (When did that happen?) But let's have a little perspective, you and I. We're still young and fresh in the context of the world and God's ministry in it. We still have work to do, gifts to give, and joy to spread.

...Do you think God feels old on Christmas?

Before His Presence with Singing

O let me ne'er forget ...

Today's hymn devotion is one I've written about before. Trouble is, I don't think I can improve on those thoughts, so I submit to you a rerun from 2020.

Rain! Does it never tire out? Oh, but then the sunshine! Is there any sunshine brighter or more delicious than that which comes after a rain.

Wind! It can level buildings, uproot trees, topple towers. Oh, but a gentle summer breeze; it is the very definition of refreshing. And the wind can propel a sailboat effortlessly, or deliver a speck of pollen for a tree full of fruit.

Snow! But that's enough about weather. Flowers. Grass. Birds. Trees. Rocks. Mountains. Plains. Insects.

This is my Father's world. Yours too. He made it. And the sundry elements (several of which are listed in the hymn, "This Is My Father's World") are in constant polyphony, working together and separately. Our comfortable dwellings usually shelter us from the difficulties of nature, but nature persists. It is constant. It is all around us.

Before reading the rest of the hymn below, lay this carpet of thought on your reading room floor: creation is a constant reminder that God is ultimately in charge. The list of natural things and events in the hymn are summarized in this assertion: "O let me never forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Nature is beautiful. It is powerful and amazing and many things. And perhaps one of them is that we have a constant, continual reminder that God is the ruler. Even in the year of a federal election, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me
everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be
glad!

Peace, Rory

In Christ, *Tim*

IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Depending on traffic, it takes approximately 30 minutes from FBC to get to Central Baptist Church, Bearden. If you want to carpool with those of us going to the early session on **Friday, Sept. 20th**, meet at the church in the lower parking lot at 12:15 p.m. We will divide up into cars, depending on the number attending. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Those of you coming in later who want to carpool should let Johelen know so I can hook you up with each other. Those of you attending on **Saturday**, who want to carpool should meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. Coffee and fellowship start at 8:30 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.

Parents' Night Out!

All children, babies through fifth grade, are invited to parents' night out on September 27th from 5:30 to 7:30. Sign up in the lobby. Parents night out will be on the 4th Friday of every month. If you are interested in volunteering this month or in the future, please sign up.

PUMPKINS ARRIVE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH



We are recruiting individuals or groups to help unload pumpkins **Saturday, October 5th at 9 a.m.** We will need volunteers to work in the patch. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer each Sunday. Please be a part of this fun fellowship as we reach out to our community with this ministry.

**PATCH HOURS: Wed.-Sun.: 1 PM - 6 PM
Sat.: 10 AM-6 PM / Closed Mon. & Tues.**

A WALK THROUGH WHEAT

Several of you have expressed an interest in going on a ranger-led hike through the former "Wheat" community that was here before Oak Ridge was established. The hike is on **Saturday, October 5**, at 11 a.m. and lasts one and a half hours. Joy Reedy and Bill and Johelen Stephenson plan to go. There is no cost and no preregistration. If you are interested, here is the link <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=5731B640-97D0-DB39-C203A7FBA5E2B6B5>

Nursery & Children's Church Volunteers

Sunday, September 22

Nursery 11:00 a.m. Meghan Bowers
Children's Church Jodie Johnson & Debbie Johnson

Sunday, September 29

Nursery 11:00 a.m. Hannah Simic & Gigi Naeve/Fun Day
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FBCFBC--OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

On Monday, October 7, Dianne May will lead a discussion of *Run* by Ann Patchett. This novel tells the story of Bernard Doyle, an Irish Catholic Boston politician, and his family—a family patched together by circumstances as well as blood. Interracial adoption, family allegiances and rivalries, and Boston's complex political and racial history come into play, as does the role of religious faith in each member's life. Ultimately, the story is about love.

Our November 4th book club book is *The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis* by George Stephanopolous. Because this book has only recently been published, there is a long wait list to borrow it from area libraries. For this reason, we are announcing in advance this book as our book club read for November in order to give participants time to locate the book. Melody Turner will lead the discussion.

Our book club meets at 12:30 in the library. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Questions? Contact Dianne May.

Movie Discussion Group

Movie: October Sky (1999) starring Jake Gyllenhaal.
Viewing: Streaming on many pay-per-view platforms for ~\$4.
Time & Place: Friday, Oct. 18, 6:30 pm at Joy Reedy's home - [109 Downing Drive, Oak Ridge](#)
Questions: Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar is returning in November. We are raising funds for new church windows. There is a box in the narthex on the coffee bar where you can place donations for sale, such as books, scarves, purses, handmade crafts, holiday décor (Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.), gift items, and so on. Please dig deep and give often!

Prayer Requests

IMMEDIATE: Dwayne Bounds (Tim Bounds' brother), Brady Hutson, Andy Hutson, Kara Davis (Tim Bounds' niece), Ginny Bowers, Diana Giles, Jim Younkin, Becky & Eric (friends of Jonathan & Sarah Ray), Ricky Phelps (Tim Bounds' nephew), Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson), Barbara Prewett (Karen McCall's friend), Jack Burgan (Jeff Burgan's dad), Larry Carter, Dave Bunton, April West (friend of Diana Giles), Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter), Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister), Heidi Rose Harris, Bruce Marshall, Ray Roach (Tim Bounds' brother-in-law), Jackie Laney's dad, Barney, Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend), Mark Ebeler (friend of Carol O'Shaughnessy), Tammy Lee (Kay Smith's sister), Adrian Flory, Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin), Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson), Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt), Joyce Dippel (Jan Stoutland's sister), Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother), Frances Darnell (Diane Qualls' mother), Richard Evans, Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law), Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew), Mary Jane Williams, Lynn Satterfield (Gary Giles' sister).

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